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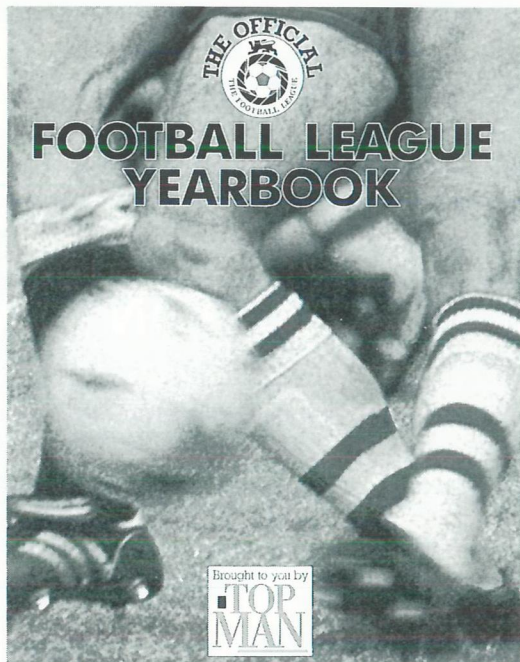
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MANAGER'S NOTES

by
Eddie Gray

I can understand the frustration of supporters when results are going badly at a football club and it is no surprise when our own supporters showed their dissatisfaction at the way things have been going here at Spotland.

When I first came to Rochdale last December it was my aim to make the club successful — that is still my aim and it is something I am determined to make happen. Whilst no manager likes to hear what happened last week I can assure you that I will not walk away from the situation.

The players themselves are extremely disappointed at how things have turned out so far this season and I am sure they are as determined as I am to make things go right. When you have been in football, as I have, for 25 years you realise there are many highs and lows in the game and as manager of the club I fully accept the responsibility for the situation in which we find ourselves at present. Obviously I will be looking to improve the quality of our squad and hopefully we shall find the type of player I feel we need.

Today's visitors Bolton Wanderers will provide a stern test for us as they have been playing well this season and I am sure that after being relegated they will no doubt want to bounce back as quickly as possible.

A warm welcome to Phil Neal and his players and I hope today's match provides good entertainment for both sets of supporters.

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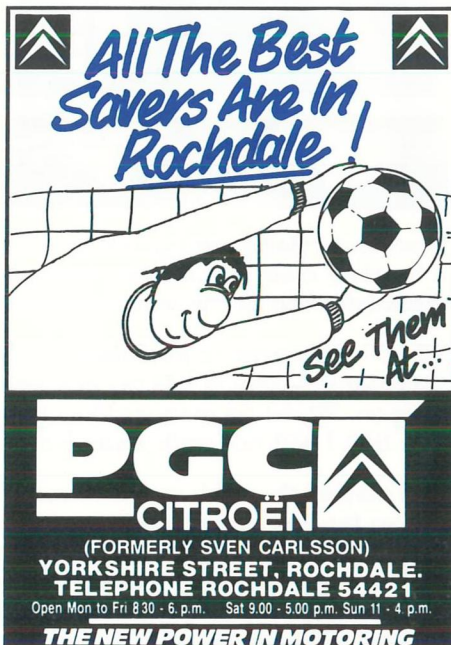
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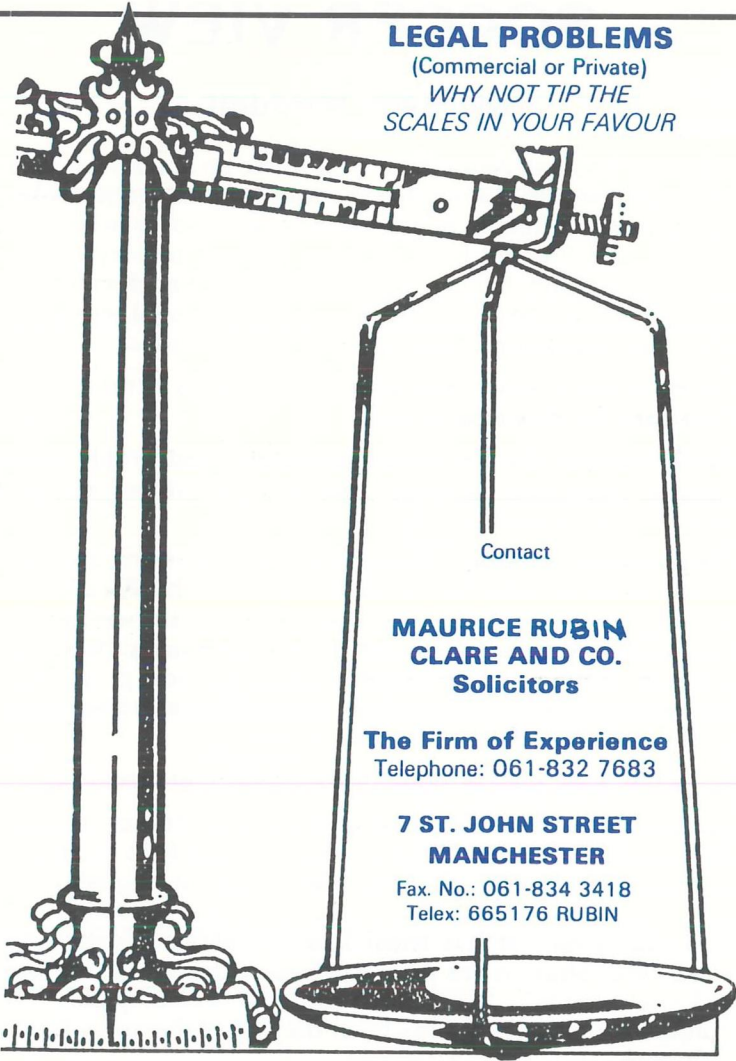
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SOCCER VIEW

by Mark Woodall

Last weekend the Football Association performed an about-turn regarding their attitude to plastic pitches, ruling that the four football league sides who have artificial surfaces will, after all, be allowed to play at home in the FA Cup. QPR, Luton, Oldham and Preston have all been allowed to play Littlewoods Cup games on their plastic pitches; but up to now the FA had decided that, if drawn at home in the FA Cup, these four teams would have to either switch the venue of the tie to their opponent's ground or to play the tie on a neutral ground.

Because of the original ban, Luton were taking the FA to the courts with a writ seeking damages for restraint of trade.

Last weekend, though, the FA general secretary, Ted Croker confirmed that the four league clubs who currently have artificial pitches will be allowed to stage home FA Cup matches.

Another organisation seeking "justice" through the courts are the Welsh FA, who are threatening to take the Football League to the Race Relations Board if clubs don't agree to release international players on the weekend before their crunch European Championship match in Czechoslovakia. Needing a win from this final match, manager Mike England wants the best preparation possible to his team, especially after the countless times that Wales have failed to qualify for major international finals at the last hurdle.

Rochdale, by the way, play at home to Swansea that weekend!

Whilst everyone raves about England's 8-0 win over Turkey a couple of weeks ago, it still remains for Bobby Robson's men to qualify to the finals. To do so they need a draw at least in their final match against Yugoslavia in Belgrade next month. A win for the Yugoslavs would leave them needing to beat Turkey in their final qualifying match to sneak in and qualify — hardly a difficult task! Nevertheless Peter Shulton has yet to concede a goal in these championships and were he to maintain that record England would qualify. And, should England produce anything like the form they have shown so far, they should qualify with ease.

Finally, a mention about last Sunday's live match between Spurs and Arsenal — which was billed as one not to be missed by any football connoisseur. An exciting opening gave the false impression that the match would be one to savour, but as soon as they took the lead Arsenal closed ranks and played a negative off-side trap which was guaranteed to earn them the points — at the expense, though of several thousands of supporters who, no doubt will have been put off going to watch a game. It is little wonder that people stop going to watch the game when tactics like those are pursued, and as the game droned on I could almost hear the snores as insomniacs enjoyed their feast.

The Community Programme in Professional Football at Rochdale Football Club.

Hi Dale Fans,

This is a new column I hope to be running on a regular basis in the future.

The Community Programme is a fairly recent venture, run by the Professional Footballers Association and sponsored by the Manpower Services Commission. This scheme is the brain child of Micky Burns, an ex-Newcastle and Blackpool player, who is now employed by the P.F.A.

The scheme was set up in August 1986, with six clubs; Manchester United, Manchester City, Preston, Bolton, Bury and Oldham, and such has been the success, that more clubs have joined the scheme, including Rochdale.

The aim of the scheme is to improve relations between the Community and the Football Club. We are concerned about all age groups, from Primary schools onwards.

I will be at Rochdale Football Club every day with my staff, and shall be taking coaching sessions for schools, Youth Clubs and the unemployed etc. Other activities for the future include disco's and tea dances.

At this club we have a staff of seven, which includes myself as full-timer and six part-timers. Gary Pierce, ex-Wolves goalkeeper is also involved at Rochdale as supervisor, together with Bolton Wanderers.

See you soon,
Keith.

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Tuesday:			Marland Hill County Primary Roch Valley Way Rochdale (Coaching)	
Wednesday:	Norden Primary Shawfield Lane Rochdale (Coaching)		High Birch Bolton Road Rochdale (Coaching)	
Thursday:	All staff at Radcliffe Technical College for studies in Recreation and Leisure Management.			
Friday:			Healey Primary Earnshaw Avenue Rochdale (Coaching)	

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Back Row (L to R)

Neil Whatmore, Julian Darby, Steve Elliott, Dave Sutton, Dave Felgate, Mark Came, Trevor Morgan, Mark Winstanley.

Middle (L to R)

Peter Nightingale (Physio), John Thomas, Ian Stevens, Chris Banks, Steve Thompson, Paul Booth, Nick Brookman, Dean Crombie, Steve Carroll (Youth Coach).

Front (L to R)

Peter Bell, Ian Callaghan, Jeff Chandler, Phil Neal (Manager), Derek Scott, Gary Henshaw, Warren Joyce.

Spotlight on the Manager

PHIL NEAL, as a player competed in over 700 games with Northampton, 11 years at Liverpool and at Bolton. He's won a record eight League Championship medals, 50 England caps plus League Cup/Milk Cup winners medals.

The Players.....

Goalkeeper DAVID FELGATE is in his second spell with the Wanderers, a £16,000 signing from Grimsby. The former Welsh international was a regular at Lincoln before joining the Mariners. The defensive roles are competed for by JULIAN DARBY, a Bolton — born former England schoolboy who broke onto the scene in March 1986. Can also play mid-field. MARK CAME joined Bolton from Winsford United as a promising non-league player in April 1984. This solid central defender has been a regular in the first team squad since. DAVE SUTTON started his career at Plymouth, before helping two promotion winning teams at Huddersfield. Moved to Bolton for £12,000 in the summer of '85. In DEAN CROMBIE the Wanderers have acquired a very experienced defender during the close season. Dean was signed on a 'free' from Grimsby where

he made over 350 appearances. 'Mr Versatile' is what they call DEREK SCOTT. Joined the Wanderers from Burnley in June '85 for £20,000. This former England schoolboy international played in almost every position during his 11 seasons at Turf Moor. Completing the defensive squad is MARK WINSTANLEY, a promising youngster who made his debut at Bournemouth in March 1986.

In midfield we have GARY HENSHAW, another 'free' signing from Grimsby Town where he started as an apprentice and completed five seasons. WARREN JOYCE made his debut for the Wanderers in the Second Division in April 1983. This energetic, enthusiastic all — rounder won honours as a schoolboy at cricket and rugby before turning to a career in football. Peterborough United offered £30,000 for this midfielder during the summer. STEVE THOMPSON is a talented midfield player with a powerful shot. He is a penalty spot specialist, and a Bolton regular four years after graduating through the junior ranks. Bolton fans are pleased at the return of JEFF CHANDLER, a £30,000 close season signing from Derby County, whom he helped gain promotion to the First Division. Jeff can operate in midfield or on the left flank. Kicked off his career at Blackpool and had a spell with Leeds United before joining Wanderers initially in 1981 in a £40,000 transfer.

Up front is big London-born striker TREVOR MORGAN who has played more than 300 games in a career which started at Bournemouth and took him to spells with Mansfield, Bristol City (twice), Exeter and Bristol Rovers to whom Phil Neal paid £20,000 during the close season. It cost Wanderers £30,000 to bring front runner JOHN THOMAS to Burnden Park five years after he left the Club to join Chester. Proved a prolific goalscorer on his travels which included successful spells at Lincoln and Preston where he scored 28 goals last season. An anonymous benefactor is sponsoring the fourth return of NEIL WHATMORE to the Club, where he started as an apprentice. During nine seasons he saw Bolton promoted from Div. 3 to Div. 1 before joining Birmingham in 1981 for a record £340,000 fee. Had spells with Oxford United, Wanderers (twice on loan) and Burnley before joining Mansfield with whom he won a Freight Rover Trophy winners medal last term. Striker STEVE ELLIOTT cost Bolton £25,000 from Walsall. Started his apprenticeship at Notts. Forest before moving to Preston and then at Luton. Came to prominence at Deepdale after £95,000 transfer. Scores goals himself but is also regarded as provider for his colleagues. This is Steve's second season after making his Bolton debut against Swindon last term.

ROCHDALE

white shirts, blue shorts, blue stockings

Manager: Eddie Gray

- 1 Keith Welch
- 2 Geoff Lomax
- 3 Peter Hampton
- 4 Shaun Reid
- 5 John Bramhall
- 6 Jason Smart
- 7 John Seasman
- 8 Lyndon
Simmonds
- 9 Derrick Parlane
- 10 Ronnie Coyle
- 11 Mark Gavin
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Manager: Phil Neal



- 1 David Fellgate
 - 2 Derek Scott
 - 3 Dean Crombie
 - 4 Robbie Savage
 - 5 Mark Came
 - 6 Dave Sutton
 - 7 Micky Brookman
 - 8 Steve Thompson
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ROCHDALE'S MASCOT is Richard Hyman, aged 9 from Marland Hill. Richard's hobbies are birdwatching & playing football for the school. His favourite player is John Bramhall.

BOLTON'S MASCOT is Christopher Bond of Longworth Rd., Horwich. Goes to Holy Family in Horwich. He'll be 9 next Monday. Hobbies are Football. Fav. team Bolton. Wand. Fav. player Dave Sutton.

Spotland Spotlight on Bolton Wanderers

FACT FILE

Year formed: 1874

Ground: Burnden Park

Bolton, Greater Manchester

Ground Capacity: 43,000

Nickname: 'The Trotters'

Player Manager: Phil Neal.

1986-87 PERFORMANCES

League: 21st, Division Three (relegated in play-offs)

FA Cup: 3rd Round, lost to Coventry (A), 0-3

Littlewoods Cup: 1st Round, lost to Bury, 1-2 on aggregate

Freight Rover Trophy: Quarter-Finals, lost to Chester (H) 1-2.

THIS SEASON

In this, their first ever season in Division Four, Bolton have found it difficult to string together a consistent set of results. However, last weekend's 5-0 victory over Carlisle should have given Phil Neal's side the lift they need in order to mount a serious promotion challenge and with a home game against Exeter scheduled for last Tuesday. 'The Trotters' may be in line for a climb up the table.

Their worst defeat so far this season came in August at Scarborough when the league's new boys won 4-0 although Wanderers did recover somewhat from that defeat by recording three consecutive victories afterwards. Therefore, it has been shown that the ability to perform consistently does exist at Burnden Park. It is just up to Phil Neal and his players to make it a more regular occurrence.

BOLTON'S FORM GUIDE (the last 10 matches)

Home				Away			
Sept	12	Halifax	2-0	Sept	5	Hereford	3-0
	26	Hartlepool	1-2		15	Scunthorpe	1-1
Oct	3	Wolves	1-0		19	Torquay	1-2
	13	Preston (FRT)	0-0	Oct	10	Darlington	0-1
	17	Carlisle	5-0				
	20	Exeter					

SEASON'S GOALSCORERS (as at 19/10/87)

Thomas 5, Morgan 4, Brookman, Chandler, Henshaw 2 each, Came, Darby, Elliott, Savage, Thompson 1 each. Own Goals 2.

OUR LAST MEETING AT SPOTLAND

Tuesday 12th March 1985 · Freight Rover Trophy, Northern Section, Second Round

Rochdale: (0)0

Bolton (0)1 (Caldwell 90)

Attendance: 2,650

Rochdale: Redfern, Cavanagh, Heaton, McMahon, Cooke, Johnson, Thompson, Diamond, Taylor, Chapman, Gamble; Subs: Holden, McCluskie

Bolton: Farnworth, Borrows, Phillips (Sub: Bailey), Joyce, Valentine, Deakin, Rudge, Foster, Evans, Caldwell, Bell

Referee: P. Willis (Meadowfield)

Mark Wilbraham

PLAYER PROFILE

No.4 SHAUN REID (midfield)

Birthplace: Huyton

Birthdate: 13th October, 1965

Height: 5ft. 8ins.

Weight: 11st. 8lbs.

Dale Debut: Saturday, January 14th, 1984 v Crewe, Division Four.



ANALYSIS OF APPEARANCES

The following figures give a breakdown of Shaun's appearances for Rochdale.

Opponents	Apps	Opponents	Apps
Aldershot	6	Peterborough	3
Blackpool	1	Port Vale	1
Bristol C	1	Preston	3
Burnley	3	Preston (FRT)	2
Burnley (LCC)	1	Reading	1
Bury	1	Scunthorpe	4
Cambridge	2	Southend	3
Cardiff	2	Stockport	4
Carlisle	1	Stockport (MC)	1
Chester	4	Swansea	2
Chesterfield	2	Swindon	2
Chesterfield (FRT)	1	Torquay	6
Colchester	4	Tranmere	5
Crewe	5	Tranmere (LCC)	2
Darlington (FRT)	1	Tranmere (FRT)	1
Exeter	3	Watford (LCC)2	
Halifax	5	Wigan (FRT)	1
Hartlepool	4	Wimbledon (LCC)	1
Hereford	5	Wolves	3
Lincoln	1	Wrexham	3
Mansfield	1	Wrexham (FAC)	1
Middlesbrough (FRT)	1	Wrexham (MC)	1
Northampton	4	York	1
Nuneaton (FAC)	1	York (FRT)	1
Leyton Orient	3	Total	117

Shaun has scored 3 goals for Rochdale; 1 each against Southend, Swindon and Tranmere (LCC).

CAREER SUMMARY (Appearances and Goals)

League: Rochdale 99 (2 goals) Preston (loan) 3; Total 102 (2 goals)

Cups: Rochdale 18 (1 goal); Total 18 (1 goal)

All the figures on this page, unless otherwise stated, are for league games played up to Tuesday, October 20th, 1987.

Mark Wilbraham

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SOCCER SNIPPETS

Today we welcome Bolton to Spotland in a local derby vital to the fortunes of both sides: Rochdale badly needing points to pull away from the dreaded bottom spot of the fourth division, and Bolton needing points to mount an assault for promotion.

Last weekend's disappointing result means that 'dale have now gone six games without a win, a situation which needs to be rapidly reversed.

After the 1-6 catastrophe at Prenton Park the 'Dale produced a much more controlled defensive display. Four days later in the Freight Rover Trophy. With YTS players on show the 0-0 draw against exactly the same Tranmere line-up was no disgrace — but the unfortunate injury to Shaun Reid, on his 22nd birthday, was just the kind of misfortune we didn't need. Hopefully Shaun will be able to make a quick recovery.

The Darlington result was, once again, disappointing — after taking the lead, individual errors gave "The Quakers" the opportunity to take control of a match they really weren't good enough to win.

During midweek the 'Dale travelled to take on Leyton Orient, standing fifth in the fourth division. Brisbane Road has not proved to be a happy hunting ground for Rochdale since their relegation from the third division in 1986 — let's hope we can reverse the trend.

This afternoon's match will provide an opportunity for our two ex-Bolton players to meet their old team mates. Our record £20,000 signing Mark Gavin joined us in the close season from the Burnden Park Club whilst our goalkeeper Keith Welch was a YTS player at Bolton before joining us last season on a similar scheme.

Other players to have recently played for both sides include Steve Taylor (which clubs hasn't he played for?) who kicked off his professional career with "The Trotters" and David Felgate, the big Welsh Goalkeeper who spent two loan spells here in the late 1970's and early 80's.

Bolton's Manager Phil Neal has spent freely during the summer in an attempt to sign the right players to pull Bolton out of the football basement. Fees in the region of £20,000 were paid to acquire the services of strikers John Thomas and Trevor Morgan, £25,000 to Bradford secured Rob Savage's transfer whilst Gavin's replacement Jeff Chandler, now in his second spell with Bolton, was signed from Derby, but is currently injured.

Neal has recently signed ex-Leeds and Manchester United player Peter Barnes from Manchester City on a month's loan, but the tricky winger was injured in last weekend's 5-0 win over Carlisle.

Major talking point of last weekend's fourth division results was Bolton's 5-0 win mentioned above: two goals by Brookman set up "The Trotters" for their fifth home league win of the season, and whilst Bolton only lay in eleventh position they have a game in hand over the other promotion hopefuls and with average gates around the 4500 mark everything looks rosy for Phil Neal's men. The highest attendance last weekend though, was at Molyneux where 6608 saw Wolves crush Tranmere with three goals before half time.

Burnley won at off-form Exeter, Oghan's two goals being enough to beat Edwards' lone reply.

Reeves' hat-trick was just enough to give Scunthorpe a 3-2 win over struggling Hereford, whilst bottom club Newport registered a 2-1 win at Swansea with Taylor bagging a brace.

Finally, well done to Crewe, and more specifically David Platt, whose goal was enough to spoil Scarboro's afternoon, although the East Coast side remain perched on top of the fourth division.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE

DIVISION FOUR

Ave Gate	Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Top Goalscorers
3992	Scarborough	11	7	1	3	20	13	22	Thompson 5
3386	Cardiff	11	6	3	2	14	10	21	Gilligan 4
3715	Leyton Orient	11	5	5	1	26	16	20	Godfrey 5
2348	Torquay	11	6	2	3	20	10	20	Dobson 10
3464	Exeter	11	5	3	3	18	11	18	O'Connell 5
1735	Hartlepool	11	5	3	3	20	17	18	Baker 14
1496	Halifax	11	5	3	3	17	14	18	Matthews N 6
2321	Scunthorpe	11	4	5	2	20	16	17	Flounders 9
4526	Bolton	10	5	2	3	13	10	17	Thomas 6
5553	Burnley	11	5	1	5	10	15	16	Oghani 6
7557	Wolves	11	4	3	4	18	14	15	Bull 12
2401	Cambridge	11	4	3	4	14	13	15	Crown 11
1992	Wrexham	11	4	3	4	14	17	15	Steel 6
3544	Peterborough	11	4	3	4	9	13	15	Gooding 4
1895	Crewe	11	2	8	1	16	15	14	Platt 10
2483	Carlisle	11	4	2	5	22	22	14	Poskett, Netherington 8
1487	Colchester	11	4	2	5	15	15	14	Tempest, White 3
2382	Darlington	11	3	4	4	18	20	13	Currie 1
2206	Stockport	11	4	1	6	11	13	13	Evans, Hodgkinson 4
2407	Hereford	11	3	2	6	6	14	11	Stant 2
3730	Swansea	11	3	1	7	12	17	10	Raynor 6
2517	Rochdale	11	2	4	5	9	17	10	Simmonds, Parlane 3
2999	Tranmere	10	2	2	6	5	12	8	McKenna 2
1993	Newport	11	1	2	8	9	22	5	Evans 4

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1987

Aug	15	Hereford United	Lge	A	D	0-0	2652	
	18	Tranmere Rovers	LCT 1	H	W	3-1	1598	Reid, Coyle, Parlane
	22	Peterborough Utd.	Lge	H	D	1-1	1808	Parlane
	25	Tranmere Rovers	LCT 1	A	L	0-1	2314	
	28	Halifax Town	Lge	A	W	2-1	2275	Simmonds 2
	31	Crewe Alexandra	Lge	H	D	2-2	2346	Gavin, Stanton
Sept	5	Scunthorpe United	Lge	A	L	0-1	1959	
	12	Stockport County	Lge	H	L	0-1	2700	
	15	Torquay United	Lge	A	L	0-5	1895	
	19	Exeter City	Lge	A	D	1-1	2628	Hunt
	22	Wimbledon	LCT 2	H	D	1-1	2801	Simmonds
	26	Burnley	Lge	H	W	2-1	4655	Bramhall, Parlane
	29	Wolverhampton W.	Lge	A	L	0-2	5553	
Oct	3	Carlisle United	Lge	H	L	1-2	1940	Smart
	6	Wimbledon	LCT2	A	L	1-2	2605	Parker
	9	Tranmere Rovers	Lge	A	L	1-6	2303	Bramhall
	13	Tranmere Rovers	FRT.P	H	D	0-0	920	
	17	Darlington	Lge	H	L	1-3	1417	Parker
	20	Leyton Orient	Lge	A	L	8-0		
	24	Bolton Wanderers	Lge	H				
	31	Cardiff City	Lge	A				
Nov	3	Colchester United	Lge	H				
	7	Swansea City	Lge	H				
	14		FAC 1					
	20	Cambridge United	Lge	A				
	28	Scarborough	Lge	H				
Dec	5		FAC 2					
	12	Wrexham	Lge	A				
	19	Newport County	Lge	H				
	26	Burnley	Lge	A				
	28	Hartlepool United	Lge	H				

1988

Jan	1	Halifax Town	Lge	H				
	2	Stockport County	Lge	A				
	9	Peterborough Utd.	Lge	A				F.A. Cup (3)
	16	Exeter City	Lge	H				
	22	Torquay United	Lge	H				
	30	Crewe Alexandra	Lge	A				F.A. Cup (4)
Feb	6	Scunthorpe United	Lge	H				
	13	Hartlepool United	Lge	A				
	20	Hereford United	Lge	H				F.A. Cup (5)
	27	Carlisle United	Lge	A				
Mar	1	Wolverhampton W.	Lge	H				
	5	Darlington	Lge	A				
	12	Tranmere Rovers	Lge	H				F.A. Cup (6)
	19	Cardiff City	Lge	H				
	26	Bolton Wanderers	Lge	A				
Apr	2	Swansea City	Lge	A				
	4	Cambridge United	Lge	H				
	8	Colchester United	Lge	A				F.A. Cup Semi
	23	Leyton Orient	Lge	H				
	30	Scarborough	Lge	A				
May	2	Wrexham	Lge	H				
	7	Newport County	Lge	A				
	14							F.A. Cup Final

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